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SUBJECT: THIEU INDICATES HE WILL NOT RESIGN

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1. AS IF TO EMPHASIZE THE POINT, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS ALSO CARRIED THE ITEM ON PRESIDENT THIEU'S VOTING DAY REMARKS THAT HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN EARLIER ELECTION CENTER RELEASE (REFTEL) AND MADE IT EVEN MORE EXPLICIT. FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH VERSION AS IT APPEARED IN VIETNAM PRESS AUGUST 30:

2. BEGIN TEXT. PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU SUNDAY MORNING OFFICIALLY REJECTED VICE PRESIDENT NGUYEN CAO KY'S RECENT SUGGESTION THAT BOTH NATIONAL LEADERS SHOULD RESIGN TO LET SENATE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN VAN HUYEN SERVE AS PROVISIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ORGANIZE AN ELECTION WITHIN A 90-DAY PERIOD. (2)

3. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION OF NEWSMEN WHEN HE AND MADAME

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THIEU CAST BALLOTS IN THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION AT THE ARMED FORCES CULTURAL SCHOOL IN THE CAPITAL'S 1ST CONSTITUENCY. PRESIDENT THIEU SAID HE WILL NOT RESIGN AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD NEXT OCTOBER 3 AS SCHEDULED.

4. ON THIS OCCASION, PRESIDENT THIEU DISCLOSED HE HAD CAST BALLOTS FOR FIVE CANDIDATES INCLUDING TWO OF THE OPPOSITION.

5. "I VOTED FOR WORTHY MEN EVEN IF THEY WERE OPPONENTS," HE SAID.

6. HOWEVER, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE REFUSED TO GIVE THE CANDIDATES' NAMES.

7. LEAVING THE VOTING BOOTH, PRESIDENT THIEU AND HIS WIFE TOURED THE ELECTION INFORMATION CENTER ON TU DO STREET AND MET WITH VIETNAMESE NEWSMEN WHO WERE FOLLOWING UP ELECTION NEWS AT THE CENTER.

8. NO HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ACCOMPANIED THE PRESIDENT THIS MORNING. END TEXT.
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